

**Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development****Grants to Named Recipients (AS 37.05.316)****Grant Recipient: Armed Service YMCA****Federal Tax ID: 92-0016680****Project Title:****Armed Service YMCA - On-Base Public Transportation****State Funding Requested: \$ 70,000****House District: 17 - I**

Future Funding May Be Requested

**Brief Project Description:**

This project provides on-base transportation on Fort Richardson, Elmendorf Air Force Base and Fort Wainwright to active military member, their family and veterans. The program serves over 40,000 passengers annually.

**Funding Plan:****Total Cost of Project: \$140,000**

	<u>Funding Secured</u>		<u>Other Pending Requests</u>		<u>Anticipated Future Need</u>	
	<i>Amount</i>	<i>FY</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>FY</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>FY</i>
Other					\$70,000	09
Total					\$70,000	

*Explanation of Other Funds:*

The \$70,000 matching money will be made up through a total of local funds and private donations.

**Detailed Project Description and Justification:**

One of the many challenges facing our military service members and their families and our veterans on the various Alaskan installations is On Base Transportation. To help fill this gap the Armed Service YMCA offers on-base transportation at no cost. This program has been operating for 3 years and served over 40,000 riders.

**Project Timeline:**

Program is on-going through the year.

**Entity Responsible for the Ongoing Operation and Maintenance of this Project:**

Armed Services YMCA

**Grant Recipient Contact Information:**

Contact Name: Pete Mulcahy

Phone Number: 552-9622

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Email: Pete.Mulcahy@akasymca.org

Has this project been through a public review process at the local level and is it a community priority? ☒ Yes ☐ No



REPLY TO  
ATTENTION OF:

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY  
INSTALLATION MANAGEMENT COMMAND  
HEADQUARTERS, U.S. ARMY GARRISON ALASKA AND FORT RICHARDSON  
724 POSTAL SERVICE LOOP #6000  
FORT RICHARDSON, ALASKA 99505-6000

February 25, 2008

Office of the Garrison Commander

Representative Nancy Dahlstrom  
State Capitol, Room 409  
Juneau, Alaska 99801-1182

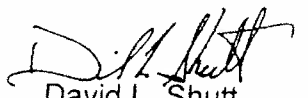
Dear Representative Dahlstrom,

As you are aware, the Army in Alaska considers the ASYMCA to be our key community partner, supporting our Soldiers and their Families in ways that would otherwise not be attainable.

On-post transportation for Soldiers and Families at both Fort Richardson and Fort Wainwright has proven to be one of the most widely known and used services provided by the ASYMCA. This no-cost-to-the-rider effort has filled a crucial gap that I cannot provide through Appropriated Funding. The service has proven to be much more than a "nice to have" for our younger Families and new arrivals, who appreciate this dependable and safe transportation during deployment periods and especially during the winter months.

I would welcome any opportunity to discuss this matter with you further, at your convenience. Thank you for your continuing support to our troops and their Families.

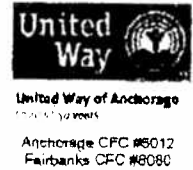
Sincerely,

  
David L. Shutt  
Colonel, U.S. Army  
Commanding



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February 8, 2008

Representative Nancy Dahlstrom  
State Capitol, Room 409  
Juneau, AK 99801

Dear Representative Dahlstrom,

As a strong supporter of our Alaskan Military and as my Representative, I respectfully ask that you sponsor our request for funding to support our on base transportation program. We offer a taxi service on Fort Richardson, Elmendorf AFB, and Fort Wainwright, serving over 40,000 passengers annually.

We ask that the State of Alaska provide \$70,000 to support this program annually. That is roughly half the current cost of operation. The other half of the cost will be met through donations and local support.

I am sending along a letter of support from the Anchorage Chamber of Commerce. The Anchorage Military and Veterans Affairs Commission has also sent a letter of support to the members of the Legislature. I can provide a copy on request. I am including our letter from 14 January which was sent to each Legislator.

I am taking the liberty to ask my Representative, Representative Bill Stoltze to co-sponsor this important request.

I am prepared to meet with you to discuss this further and to provide the details on the program.

Again, we truly appreciate your support for this much needed program.  
Thanks for your time and consideration. *Serving Those Who Serve America.*

  
Pete Mulcahy  
Executive Director

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January 14, 2007

Representative Nancy Dahlstrom  
State Capitol, Room 409  
Juneau, AK 99801

Dear Representative Dahlstrom,

One of the challenges facing our military service members and their families on the various installations throughout Alaska is On-Base Public Transportation. To help fill this gap the Armed Service YMCA (ASYMCA) offers on-base transportation at no cost to our military and their families. This service, provided on Elmendorf AFB, Fort Richardson, and Fort Wainwright, provides "to your door" van transportation to access the various services and recreational opportunities on base as well as connectivity to the local public transportation systems.

Although free to its riders, the cost to the ASYMCA continues to increase. Current estimates, based on the average number of riders per month, are that the per passenger cost is around \$3.00. That results in an annual cost of approximately \$140,000.

We ask that the State of Alaska provide \$70,000 to support this program annually. That is roughly half the current cost of operation. The other half of the cost will be met through donations and local support.


Allow me to provide some of the key points of this program:

- This program has been operating for 3 years and served over 40,000 riders in 2006 & 2007.
- Security restrictions as well as fiscal constraints make it impractical for the local public transportation systems to serve the on-base populations.
- Military Regulations severely restrict the use of Defense assets from providing this service.
- As a feeder service for the Anchorage People Mover, we help open access for civilians to on-base employment.
- A typical Taxi fare from the barracks to the Military Mall in Anchorage is \$35.00 one way.
- Finally, we are often the only means, other than walking, for VA and retirees to access the on base hospitals and pharmacies.

I am prepared to meet with you to discuss this further and to provide the details on the program.

Again, we truly appreciate your support for this much needed program.

Thanks for your time and consideration. *Serving Those Who Serve America,*

  
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January 28, 2008

EDUCATION

Mr. Pete Mulcahy  
Armed Services YMCA  
7135 Doolittle Street  
Elmendorf AFB, AK 99506

Subject: Letter of Support ASYMCA

LEADERSHIP

Dear Mr. Mulcahy:

One of the challenges facing service members and their families on the various military installations throughout Alaska is on-base transportation. To help fill this gap, Armed Service YMCA (ASYMCA) offers on-base transportation at no cost to military personnel and their families. This service, available on Elmendorf Air Force Base, Fort Richardson and Fort Wainwright Army Posts, provides "to your door" van transportation to the various services and recreational opportunities on base and connectivity to the local public transportation systems.

CONTACTS

Although free to its riders, the cost to ASYMCA continues to increase. Current estimates based on the average number of riders per month are that the per passenger cost is just greater than \$2.90. That results in monthly costs of approximately \$11,300 or \$135,600 per year. We ask that the State of Alaska provide \$70,000 to support this program annually. That is roughly half the current cost of operation.

ADVOCACY

As a 501 (c)(3) non-profit organization, ASYMCA depends mainly on donations to support its more than 40 programs. Raising fuel costs, insurance, and manpower are making it increasingly difficult to match the resources with the needs. This transportation program is a critical component to maintaining service member readiness and family morale and welfare.

CONNECTIVITY

The Anchorage Chamber of Commerce supports the efforts of ASYMCA to provide this extremely valuable service and asks your help in seeking funding from the State of Alaska to ensure its continued operation.

Sincerely,

Stacy Schubert, IOM  
Anchorage Chamber President

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